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Army announces brigade combat team decision

The Department of the Army announced today that Fort Stewart will not receive an additional brigade combat team. The Army delivered an information memorandum to Congress outlining how the Army will execute the Secretary of Defense's guidance pertaining to the 2010 budget today.

Fort Stewart, in addition to Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Carson, Colo., will not receive an additional brigade combat team as previously planned and the growth of additional brigades is on hold. The decision was characterized as intermediate.

The Army is adjusting its plans to comply with the 2010 budget guidance issued by Secretary Gates, and the leaders at Fort Stewart, both military and civilian, will continue to work to make this the best installation in the Army and a true Army Community of Excellence.

We are continuing to move forward with the military construction planned for Fort Stewart to provide the best living and work environments for our Soldiers, Family Members and Army Civilians.

The 4th Brigade Combat Team is currently transforming into a light infantry unit. The continued military construction will allow that brigade to fall in on a footprint that is designed for its units, Soldiers will occupy new barracks three years earlier than originally forecasted and needed motor pool space with new, modern facilities will help relieve congested work areas for others.

The additional brigade combat team was originally announced in December 2007.